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Southeast District Man Sentenced for First-Degree Murder while Armed

*--Man brutally guns down victim over mistaken belief that
victim was involved in an earlier fatal shooting of gunman's friend--*

WASHINGTON - A 22-year-old Southeast District of Columbia man, Deshawn Glover, 22, was sentenced today to 37½ years in prison by Superior Court Judge Neal E. Kravitz for murder and three firearms offenses relating to the fatal shooting of 26-year-old Roland Brooks in 2007, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced.

Glover was found guilty of the offenses following a jury trial last October. According to the evidence presented at trial, Glover encountered the victim at a party on June 16, 2007, at about 11 p.m., inside an apartment at 820 Southern Avenue, SE (PSA 703). Believing, incorrectly, that Mr. Brooks was somehow involved in an earlier fatal shooting of a friend of the defendant, the defendant announced to several persons inside the party, beyond earshot of Mr. Brooks, that he was going to kill Mr. Brooks. The defendant then invited Mr. Brooks to walk with him to a nearby liquor store. One of the party-goers tried to persuade Mr. Brooks not to go with the defendant, but was unsuccessful. About 30 minutes later, as the defendant and Mr. Brooks were about to re-enter the apartment building, the defendant drew a .32 caliber pistol and shot Mr. Brooks five times.

Immediately after shooting Mr. Brooks, the defendant fled from the area. He was arrested two weeks later. Mr. Brooks is survived by a wife and two young children.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor expressed his appreciation to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Elbert Griffin and Stanley Farmer, and MPD Officers David Lack, Ravi Hiller, Robert Overmyer, and Robert McCollum. U.S. Attorney Taylor also commended the work of Paralegal Sandra Lane, the employees of the USAO's Litigation Technology Support Section and Victim-Witness Assistance Unit, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael C. Liebman, who prosecuted the case at trial, and Douglas Klein, who supervised the grand jury investigation.

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